A.—Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Medicines are prepared according to the standards prescribed by Sastras. Ayurvedic and Unani medicines are being prepared in the Government Central Pharmacy, Bangalore, according to the Pharmacopoeia in Ayurvedic and Unani systems approved by the Government.

(*b*) The expenditure incurred out of the budget allotment for the last 3 years for the purchase of drugs is as follows :—

1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,22,850.06	1,28,576.18	1,08,793.37

(*c*) Persons who are qualified in the respective systems are appointed.

Steps taken to raise Rubber, Cinchona and other Industrial Medicinal Plantations in the State.

Q.—28. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken by them to raise the rubber, cinchona and other industrial and medicinal plantations in the State ;

(*b*) the extent of rubber that is grown at present in the State ;

(*c*) whether the Forest Department is producing enough rubber to start rubber goods manufacturing factory in the State ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Forests and Fisheries).—

(*a*) (i) Rubber Plantations have been raised as detailed below :—

1961—62	...	15 Acres.
1962—63	...	263 Acres.
1963—64	...	252 Acres.
Total	...	530 Acres.

(ii) Chinchona Plantations have been raised on an area of 44 acres.

(iii) Industrial Plantation as described below:—

(a) Eucalyptus Plantations.—

1961—62	...	2,253 Acres.
1962—63	...	5,728 Acres.
1963—64	...	12,144 Acres.
Total	...	20,125 Acres.

(b) Soft wood (Match wood).—

1961—62	..	2,444 Acres.
1962—63	...	2,585 Acres.
1963—64	..	2,728 Acres.
Total		7,757 Acres.

(iv) The cultivation of medicinal herbs is undertaken by Forest Department on experimental basis and not on a commercial scale.

(*b*) On an area of 530 acres.

(*c*) No.

Maintaining of special Vans for transportation of Fish, Fruits, etc., for Marketing purposes.

Q.—30. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they maintain special vans to transport fish, fruits, vegetables and eggs from place to place for the purpose of marketing;

(*b*) if so, what is the amount spent annually for that purpose ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Forests and Fisheries).—

(*a*) (i) Fish : Yes.

(ii) Fruits and vegetables : No.

(iii) Eggs : Van is maintained by the Animal Husbandry Department not only to bring eggs but also chicks, culled birds, poultry and poultry requirements, etc.

(*b*) (i) Fisheries Department : Rs. 31,045 (Average).

(ii) Animal Husbandry Department : The cost for transportation of eggs is roughly fixed at Rs. 5,672.74 based on the number of eggs transported through the van along with the other commodities.

Squads maintained to put down Smuggling of Forest Wealth in the State.

Q.—32. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what are the special arrangements made and the squads maintained to put down smuggling of forests wealth in the State;